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Propulsion flight makes history

56th CRS produces sixth spare engine

By Staff Sgt. J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 56th Component Repair Squadron Propulsion Flight made history recently by producing a sixth spare engine.

Spare engines minimize aircraft downtime, prevent interruptions in sorties and ensure the 56th Fighter Wing can meet its primary mission of training combat-ready pilots and crew chiefs.

"It's been a long and arduous trail, but we've gone from 54 engine holes in April 1999 to six spares, which is a first in F-16 fighter training at Luke," said Maj. Doug Cato Jr., 56th Component Repair Squadron. "It all happened because of the outstanding dedication of our propulsion airmen."

In the past, Luke averaged eight F-16s without engines installed.

"It's so much nicer because we're not worried about cannibalizing another aircraft," said Senior Master Sgt. Keith Bunish, 63rd Fighter Squadron Sortie Generation Flight chief. "If we don't have an engine, we have to pull an engine from another aircraft, which doubles our work. This is the first time I've seen us this good in the three years I've been here."

There are two primary reasons why Luke has the spares. First, the propulsion flight has upgraded parts used in Luke's engines thereby reducing repairs. Second, they now use a fuel system cleaning process which dramatically reduces unscheduled engine removals for

afterburner anomalies, said Senior Master Sgt. Tony Echols, 56th CRS Propulsion Flight chief.

"Assets available keep aircraft in the air. (Spare engines) ensure sortie production is made. Bottom line, aircraft are ready to train F-16 combat-ready pilots," Sergeant Echols said. "We feel pride in the accomplishment, but we're really more motivated toward the quality of engine we produce than having spares. But, certainly, this achievement is indicative of the quality of work we do."

Luke maintenance folks are also removing engines from jets less frequently because of the continuing efforts by propulsion flight members to improve engine safety and reliability.

"Luke is benefiting from visionary maintenance on the part of the 56th Component Repair Squadron," said Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant, 56th FW commander. "Their 'work smarter' philosophy is paying big dividends for the Air Force."

The flight always has had engine parts available. However, they did not have every part needed to build a complete serviceable spare engine in stock. In the past, lack of parts, unscheduled engine removals and many labor-intensive design improvements were some reasons why the propulsion flight was unable to build

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spare engines.

"Engine spares and the reliability-centered maintenance that produces them enable the fighter squadrons to deliver airpower to the flying training program," said 2nd Lt. Paul Lysko, 56th CRS Propulsion Flight assistant commander.

"If they can count on engines being available, their job is made easier, and they can have more jets ready to fly," Lieutenant Lysko said. "It also means the propulsion flight can take more time on each motor and continue to produce top-quality engines."



Staff Sgt. Christopher Matthews
Senior Airman Mat Mach, 56th Component Repair Squadron Propulsion Flight, repairs an F-16 engine.

AF releases captain list AETC changes commander. Senate confirms Gen. Cook

The Air Force released the captain promotion list Thursday.

100 percent of Luke's eligible officers were promoted. The Air Force's average was 99.5 percent. The following Thunderbolts were selected:

- ♦ Carlos Alford, 607th Air Control Squadron
- ♦ Shawn Briscoe, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron
- ♦ Ann Callahan, 56th Support Group
- ♦ Andrew Clewett, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron
- ♦ Paul Kester, 56th Operations Support Squadron
- ♦ Lynda Lovell, 60th Air Control

Squadron

- ♦ Kevin Milam, Det. 1 Air Combat Command
- ♦ Angela Mulvena, 63rd Fighter Squadron
- ♦ Kristofer Padilla, 63rd Fighter Squadron
- ♦ David Rogers, 309th Fighter Squadron
- ♦ John Rimer, 56th Medical Operations Squadron
- ♦ Steven Turrieff, 372 Training Squadron
- ♦ John Upthegrove, 56th Services Squadron
- ♦ David Woodley, 56th Operation Support Squadron

AETC changes commander. Senate confirms Gen. Cook

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — The U.S. Senate confirmed Lt. Gen. Donald G. Cook for appointment to the grade of general Nov. 29 with an assignment as the commander of AETC.

General Cook is currently the vice commander, and was the acting commander, of Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

AETC officials announced the assumption of command ceremony is scheduled to take place Dec. 17.

The general was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force in 1969 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Michigan State University. He completed undergraduate pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.

General Cook's assignments have taken him all over the United States, from Nebraska to Texas and California to Washington D.C.

The general is a command pilot and has flown more than 3,300 hours in the

B-52 Stratofortress, T-37B Tweet and T-38A Talon.

Among General Cook's awards and decorations, he has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and has twice been honored with the Legion of Merit.

As the AETC commander, he will be responsible for replenishing the combat capability of America's Air Force with high-quality, professional airmen.

In this capacity, the general will be responsible for more than 48,000 active-duty members and 14,000 civilian personnel throughout AETC. He will also be responsible for approximately 1,600 aircraft.

AETC spans across the United States and includes the Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered air forces and the Air University.

The president nominated General Cook Oct. 26 to be the commander for AETC.

General Cook replaces Gen. Hal M. Hornburg who has been reassigned as commander of ACC at Langley AFB.



Cook

Today is

National
PEARL HARBOR
Remembrance Day
DECEMBER 7, 1941

Action Line



Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant
56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.

Before you call the Action Line, please give Luke's professionals a chance to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate expert is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at (623) 856-7011 or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke Air Force Base a better place to live and work.

Who to call:

Fraud, waste and abuse hotline 856-6149
Civil engineer customer service 856-7231
Patient advocate 856-9100
Legal assistance 856-6901
Law enforcement desk 856-5970
Housing office 856-7643
MPF customer service 856-7874

Perimeter road access

Comment: Is it okay to jog on perimeter road? I was stopped a couple of weeks ago by security forces and told I could not pass the sign that says "No POVs Beyond This Point."

Answer: The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks prompted security forces personnel to take appropriate action to secure Luke. These actions included prohibiting personnel from jogging, cycling or walking around Luke's perimeter. Now that Luke has varied its force protection measures, personnel may resume exercising along perimeter road. Although we have varied our force protection measures, I still need all Thunderbolts to remain vigilant.



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or call, (623) 856-7011.
For family matters, visit www.luke.af.mil/lukefam or call, (623) 856-4243

Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2002 programmed flight training

	To date	Goal
Sorties flown	6,690	39,376
Flying hours	9,088.9	51,687
Pilot graduates	107	995
MRA graduates	133	937

Luke people deployed:
AEF 7/8: 59 AEF 9/10: 54
Others: 64

Chief of staff encourages safety during the holidays

By Gen. John P. Jumper

Air Force chief of staff

The winter holiday season has arrived and I want to emphasize the importance of the Air Force's most critical asset — you.

Today we are engaged in missions worldwide, including defense of our own homeland. All of you are performing superbly.

The holidays this year will have special meaning. Friends and family share a new and special bond following the tragedy of Sept. 11. Airmen are respected by their fellow Americans as we help carry out America's war on terrorism.

Taking care of one another has never been more important whether flying combat missions, building expeditionary facilities or driving to grandma's house.

I ask each of you personally to embrace two

fundamentals: Use your seat belt; and don't you, your family or your friends drink and drive. The loss of one of our Air Force family for any reason is heartbreaking enough. To lose one of our airmen or a family member to an alcohol- or seat belt-related incident that we could have prevented would be devastating.

Please remember it is often the other careless person who causes a disaster. Be alert to the other guy who is drinking, worry about everyone else when you drive.

There is no more important time than now for leaders to lead. Don't let holiday cheer impair your responsibility to make the right decisions: in the air, on the flight line or driving home. Stay alive and well this holiday season, wherever you are.

Ellen and I wish you and your families the very best during this holiday season — and to those deployed, we look forward to your safe return.

Leadership urges caution

By Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper Jr.

AETC vice commander

The holiday season is nearly here, and many of us are actively planning our holiday activities. I join our chief in expressing confidence that our people will take the necessary precautions this holiday season.

Having said that, I can't help but think of the five AETC members we tragically lost in vehicle mishaps last year during the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

Five irreplaceable members of our team lost their lives through preventable mishaps.

The holiday season means travel for many of our AETC members, their families and others. Roads and highways will be congested with drivers trying to reach their destinations. Travel will be hampered by misplaced priorities; less-than-ideal weather

conditions and with some drivers operating under the influence of alcohol.

Given this scenario, I encourage commanders to become actively involved by asking your people to make a personal commitment to risk management before they depart for the holidays. We should all make this commitment for the sake of our country, our force, our unit, and for our loved ones.

I ask each member of our team to properly plan their trip, consider the threats, stay alert, buckle up, drive defensively, and avoid the most deadly causes of mishaps: driving too fast for conditions, fatigue and driving after drinking alcohol.

Tricia and I wish you and yours a joyous holiday season. May your meals be enjoyable, your times merry and, most of all, your travels and activities safe. Our country needs all of you fit and ready for duty to meet the new challenges we will surely face in 2002.

Tolerance key to success

By Capt. John M. Devillier

56th Military Personnel Flight commander

Leaders and managers are focal points in any organization. However, questions remain about these individuals, such as, are leaders different than managers? If they are, what makes them different and is one more important than another?

According to John Kotter in his work "Leading Change," "... the most important aspects of management include planning, budgeting, organizing, staffing, controlling, and problem solving... Leadership defines what the future should look like, aligns people with that vision and inspires them to make it happen despite the obstacles." So, are leaders and managers different people and is one more important than the other?

Based upon personal experience and research, any manager who deals with people must know how to lead. However, on the flip side, due to scarce resources, any leader should also know how to manage, to be efficient and be able to recognize potential problems in systems. Any organization, in reality, needs both.

But, calling a person a leader or a manager should not detract from their understanding of human nature, since organizations are made up of individuals.

It is this dealing with people that requires leaders and managers to understand what motivates or demotivates each individual. For, as Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery in his book "The Path to Leadership," "... the leader must have a genuine interest in, and a real knowledge of humanity — which will always be the raw material of his trade." Hence, any management of dealing with people is "people management" and any leadership dealing with people is "people leadership." The two are intertwined and difficult to separate.

Good leadership relies upon a relationship of trust, which is developed through understanding and communication. A leader should be someone who communicates through both his or her actions and words. If leaders and managers fail to listen to the needs of their subordinates, they are still communicating. Unfortunately, they are communicating a lack of regard for the other person's experience.

It is this feeling of importance, of being a contributor, that allows the leader to lead. Mahatma Gandhi made a relative point when he said, "It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that's important."

Good leaders look into the future and tally the "troops" around the flag and good managers ensure the ideas are carried out as efficiently as possible. Few organizations can survive on one alone.

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Top Wheels ...



Tech. Sgt. Kevin Dooms

Lt. Col. John Lor (center), 56th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, and Lt. Col. Tim McCormick (left), 56th Medical Support Squadron commander, inspect a vehicle during the Top Wheels competition Wednesday while Senior Airman Derrick Daniels, 56th Transportation Squadron, looks on. Top Wheels winners were the 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron in the general-purpose category and the 56th Supply Squadron Fuels Management Flight won the special-purpose category. The annual Top Wheels competition is Dec. 19 at 9 a.m. at the vehicle dispatch compound.

Luke steps closer to new housing

By Airman Kara Philp
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Ocotillo Manor is nearly a ghost town with only 12 families remaining in the 150-home military family housing area.

The remaining residents will move off base by Dec. 21 to clear the way for the demolition of existing homes and the construction of new houses.

"It is important to stay on top of the time table," said Mary Watson, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Flight chief. "With 150 housing units down, we want the contract to be on schedule so we can move into the (new) units as soon as possible for families who ... want to move on base."

Once Ocotillo Manor is vacated and prior to demolition, lead and asbestos abatement teams will inspect and remove positive elements to ensure the area's safety. The construction schedule projects a site inspection and initial demolition in May.

The housing flight anticipates the 18-month recon-

struction plan to kick off in October.

The project's goal is to build homes of the caliber found downtown.

"Quality of life will be greatly improved," Ms. Watson said. "The plan is to construct homes that are comparable to those in off-base communities."

This is welcome news to service members. "After supporting the mission all day, I want to come home to a comfortable home in a safe community," said Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus, 56th Communications Squad-

ron. "Just because members want to live on base and be a part of this community doesn't mean they should have to sacrifice their quality of life."

The home styles will include duplexes, tri-plexes and four-plexes.

Not only will the houses be replaced, but the entire community's quality of life

is targeted to be enhanced.

"It's important to me that my children have a safe place to play and we don't have to drive across town to go to a park," Sergeant Marcus said.

Demolition is scheduled to begin in March.

"The plan is to construct homes that are comparable to those in off-base communities."

Mary Watson

56th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Flight chief

Thunderbolt Instructor Pilot of the Week

Name: Maj. John "Ma" DiDonna, 21st Fighter Squadron

Duty title: assistant operations officer

Hometown: Grafton, Mass.

Family: Wife, Kim; daughter, Brooke, 4; and son, Chad, 1

Education: Master's degree in aeronautical science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Massachusetts

Time in service: 13 years

Previous assignments: Beni Suef Air Base, Egypt; Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.; and Vance AFB, Okla.

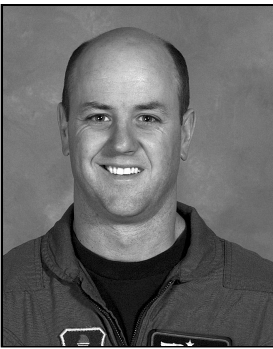
Goals: To strive to be the best husband and father I can be; increase my lethality on a daily basis in the Viper; and bag a monster elk next fall bow season.

Greatest feat: After two years, finally becoming a Gambler.

Hobbies, off-duty interests: Hunting, ice hockey.

Inspirations: My parents, wife and children, and the warriors I serve with.

Commander's comments: "Major DiDonna is a superb officer and instructor pilot," said Lt. Col. Mark Warner, 21st FS commander. "Ma and Kim are a great asset to the 21st FS and represent what the 'Air Force family' is all about."



DiDonna

News Briefs

Correction

The quilt featured on the front page of the Nov. 30 issue of the Thunderbolt was made by local community members to benefit the Friends of the Air Force, not the victims of the Sept. 11 attack as listed in the paper. The Friends of the Air Force assist deployed airmen.

Brown bag lunch

The 56th Range Management Office is sponsoring a presentation by Joe Joaquin about the Tohono O'Odham Nation today at 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 859. Attendees may bring a brown bag lunch. Call (623) 856-3183 for more information.

Termite inspections

The 56th Civil Engineer Entomology Shop has hired First and Last Pest Management Services to conduct visual termite inspections of Saguaro Manor military family housing units. The company will send out written notifications to schedule inspections with each resident. Call (623) 856-3007 for more information.

Safety video

The 56th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention Office has a Christmas tree safety video showing at 7:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 2:30, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. daily on the commander's access channel until Dec. 31. For more information, call (623) 856-3766.

IDEA program

The IDEA Program Data System Web site is down from Dec. 14 to Jan. 2 to release a new version of the program. No IDEA submissions, supervisors' reviews or evaluations will be possible during this time. Provide IDEA submissions by Dec. 10 to allow enough time for the supervisor's review and evaluation to be completed by Dec. 14. For more information, call the IDEA office at (623) 856-4332.

Annual leave donations

♦ Sandra Jernigan, 56th Mission Support Squadron, needs an undetermined amount of annual civilian leave donations due to chemotherapy treatments and the associated recovery from them.

♦ Venessa Wright, Detachment 1, Air Combat Command Training Support Squadron, needs an undetermined amount of annual civilian leave donations due to recovery from surgery.

♦ Denise Christopher, 56th Medical Operations Squadron, needs an undetermined amount of annual civilian leave donations due to a lengthy recovery from spinal surgery.

To donate leave, call the 56th MSS Civilian Personnel Flight at (623) 856-7762 or go to Bldg. 1150, room 1172. Applications may be faxed to (623) 856-3968.

Safety briefings

The 56th Fighter Wing Safety office sponsors a briefing by Pete Collins, retired Mississippi state patrolman, Dec. 14 at 7:30 and 10:30 a.m., and 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. in the base theater. Mr. Collins' one-hour briefing covers driving under the influence prevention and defensive driving. Call Master Sgt. Lori Ault at (623) 856-6105 for more information.

UFT board meeting

The next undergraduate flying training board will meet at the Air Force personnel center April 23. It will review applications for pilot, navigator and air battle manager training. Officers with a birth date after Oct. 1, 1972 and a total active duty federal service date after Oct. 1, 1997 are eligible to apply for UFT. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 22 to HQ AFPC/DPAOT3, 550 C Street West Suite 31, Randolph AFB, Texas 78150-4733. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Richard Bouting at (623) 856-7852.

New hours

The pass and registrations office at the Defense Logistics Agency, located near the intersection of El Mirage Road and Glendale Avenue, is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Wing takes break during base picnic

By Airman Susan McQueary
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Three thousand Thunderbolts enjoyed free food and drinks, softball and giveaways Nov. 30 at the 56th Fighter Wing Picnic at the baseball fields behind the fitness center.

The picnic, which was originally scheduled in September, was canceled because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Wing leadership rescheduled the event because they thought it was important to thank Luke's airmen for their efforts in meeting the fiscal year 2001 flying goals.

"We delayed the picnic following the Sept. 11 attacks, but I still felt it was very important to thank the Thunderbolts for a job well done in meeting the sortie goals for fiscal year 01," said Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander.

The picnic was put on by the 56th FW which provided \$5,500 with the Peoria Chamber of Commerce giving more than \$6,000 in goods and services. More than 30 Peoria Chamber of Commerce businesses provided giveaways for attendees, ranging from stickers to compact discs.

"The picnic shows them — the troops — that senior leadership cares," said 2nd Lt. Christopher Carmichael, 56th Transportation Squadron Traffic Management Flight commander.

In addition to the giveaways, Thunderbolts enjoyed free food and drink. The 56th Services Squadron served about 1,300 pounds of hamburgers, 400 pounds of hot dogs, 480 pounds of potato salad, 90 gallons of beans and

more than 2,000 soft drinks.

Because some Thunderbolts were unable to attend due to their duty schedules, Thunderbolt first sergeants and chiefs served about 700 people at Hangar 485 the night before the picnic.

"Whenever you have a base function some people have to work," General Sargeant said. "This was just a way to take care of these airmen and say thanks."

The Peoria Chamber members also pummeled Luke's Chiefs and Eagles team 13-3 in a softball game.

Afterward, 13 Luke teams competed in a one-pitch Mush Ball Tournament with the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron taking the title.

"I had a good time," said Staff Sgt. David Marquez, 56th Component Repair Squadron. "It was a good opportunity to spend time with friends off of work and play a little softball."

There were also activities for family members. One activity was an inflatable hockey rink provided by the Phoenix Coyotes.

Additionally, classic rock station 93.3 KDKB-FM provided music and shoutouts throughout the day.

The 56th Services Squadron wanted people to have a good time and relax.

"The Peoria business community and Chamber supports all of Luke's community," said Rhonda Humbles, Peoria Chamber of Commerce public relations and marketing director. "We are fortunate to have many base personnel live, shop and work in our great city. This picnic sponsorship is just one way we can say thank you."

For more pictures, see Page 6.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus
Senior Airman Paul Bartley gets ready to catch his son Trenton, age 2, as Trenton comes down an inflatable slide during the base picnic.

Angel Tree program benefits base children

Team Luke Thunderbolts surge ahead in effort to support annual program

By Staff Sgt. Corey Drury
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

People interested in making a child's Christmas a little merrier have until Tuesday to pick a name from Luke's Angel Tree located near the base exchange.

As of Monday, there were 35 angel decorations on the tree, each representing a Luke service member's child. Squadron first sergeants provided the children's names based on recommendations from supervisors.

The Angel Tree program supplements the Adopt-a-Family program. Instead of adopting an entire family, participants purchase one gift for one child. Each An-

gel Tree decoration lists the child's age, gender and gift wish.

"This year we are doing something a little different," said Senior Master Sgt. Tomas Fredricks, 56th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant. "We are including reservists' children because of the great hardships being placed on their families due to being activated and sent out."

Children participating in the Angel Tree program range in age from newborn to 14 years. There is no set price for a gift, just the child's gift wish.

"The Angel Tree had started with approximately 240 angels," said Master Sgt. David Masterson, 607th Air Control Squadron first sergeant and program coordinator. "Now there are about 35 left."

Typically, individuals participate in the Angel Tree program while entire units use the Adopt-a-Family program. Those who adopt a family ensure the family receives a holiday meal by donating at least \$25 in cash or a gift certificate from a local grocery store or restaurant. Each child also receives

a toy and, sometimes, each parent gets a gift.

"What I like to tell the airmen is how well this program works," Sergeant Fredricks said. "I remember what it was like. It is not a handout, it's just taking care of the them."

Gifts for both the Angel Tree and Adopt-a-Family programs may be dropped off at two locations. One drop-off point is at Bldg. 307 and the other is the Falcon Dunes Golf Course. Donations may be delivered weekdays between noon and 4 p.m. All donations must be dropped off by 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Due to the current force protection condition, people should bring the gifts unwrapped. A "wrapping party" is scheduled for Tuesday. For more information about the wrapping party or the Angel Tree program, call Sergeant Masterson at (623) 856-3304.

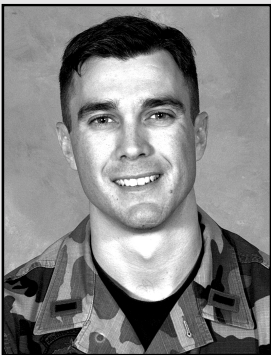
The gifts are scheduled to be delivered Thursday and Dec. 14.

For more information about the Adopt-a-Family program, call Staff Sgt. Rodney Winfield, 56th Fighter Wing command chief's executive NCO at (623) 856-5606.

Wing Warrior

This column recognizes Team Luke members' contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.

Name: 1st. Lt. John Upthegrove, 56th Services Squadron
Duty title: Combat Support Flight commander
Hometown: West Palm Beach, Fla.
Time in service: Three years
Family: Wife, Christy; son, Rhett; and daughters Jane and Caroline
Inspirations: Jesus Christ, my wife, my children, my parents and Dan Marino
Goals: To destroy America's enemies by becoming an Air Force fighter pilot; to be a lead in a movie; and to cut a record (all within the next five years)
Bad Habits: I sometimes leap before I look
Famous last words: "The children will be fine with my parents."
Commander's comments: "Lieutenant Upthegrove has a lion's heart and will make a fierce warrior — whether against our enemies or in a battle to ensure events are operated in an outstanding way," said Maj. Patricia Carpenter, 56th SVS commander. "He is the driving force behind outstanding quality service."

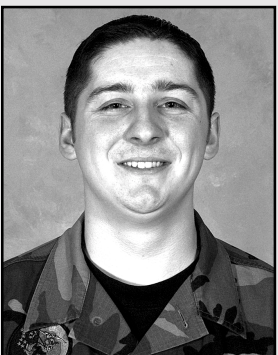


Upthegrove

Luke's Spirit

Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members' outstanding customer service.

Name: Airman Jesse Nash, 309th Fighter Squadron
Duty title: Aviation Flight resource manager
Hometown: Louisville, Ky.
Time in service: One year in the Air National Guard, two months active duty
Inspirations: My sister for her hard work and determination, my mother for more of the same, and my friends Ben and Sean — the brothers I never had
Self-description: Motivated, goal oriented, dependable and reliable ... with a healthy dose of good humor
Goals: Get my degree before I'm 30 and be as good a father as I can be for my son
Famous last words: "It could be worse ..."
Commander's comments: "Airman Nash has a great deal of initiative and is always looking for ways to increase his knowledge of assigned duties," said General Sargeant. "Despite the short time he's been in the Air Force, he can be counted on to put full effort into his job and he is learning what it takes to be a first-rate Thunderbolt."



Nash

Luke members take an afternoon to relax



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus
A Peoria Chamber of Commerce team member tries to beat the ball to first against Luke's Chiefs and Eagles team. The Peoria Chamber of Commerce team beat the Chiefs and Eagles team 13-3. The game was one event held Nov. 30 during the 56th Fighter Wing Picnic at the ball fields behind the fitness center. The 56th Fighter Wing sponsored the picnic and the Peoria Chamber of Commerce donated \$6,000 to the cause.



Staff Sgt. Christopher Matthews
Above: Captains Dave O'Malley and Zac Wood, 310th Fighter Squadron instructor pilots, dig into hotdogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans and beverages during the picnic. The 56th Services Squadron served more than 2,200 pounds of food, 90 gallons of beans and more than 2,000 soft drinks. About 3,000 people participated in the event.
Left: Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant, 56th FW commander, presents Carlo Leone, City of Peoria councilman, with the softball championship trophy after the Peoria Chamber of Commerce team beat Luke's Chiefs and Eagles. Councilman Leone then presented General Sargeant with a \$2,500 check for Operation Warmheart.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus



Luke sponsors blood drive

Date	Site	Point of Contact
Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Bldg. 928	Senior Master Sgt. Candy Williams (623)856-6063
Monday 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Bldg. 1384	Senior Airman Joshua Snoderly (623)856-7339
Monday 1:30 to 4 p.m.	Bldg. 302	Airman 1st Class David Anderson (623)856-4723
Monday 9 to 11:30 a.m.	Bldg. 962	Staff Sgt. Laurie Dunn (623)856-5705
Monday 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Bldg. 1242	1st Lt. William Babbitt (623)856-6920
Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Bldg. 1150	Liz Garey (623)856-7778
Tuesday 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Hospital	Tech. Sgt. Allie Prothro (623)856-3123
Wednesday 1 to 7:30 p.m.	Bldg. 913	Tech. Sgt. Thomas Rivard (623)856-6618
Thursday 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.	Bldg. 495	Airman 1st Class Michell Abel (623)856-4607
Dec. 14 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Bldg. 917	Staff Sgt. Christopher Dyer (623)856-7315
Dec. 14 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Bldg. 219	Master Sgt. William Collins (623)856-8229
Dec. 15 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Base Exchange	Sharon Ryan (480) 491-5890
Wednesday, Thursday and Dec. 14 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Community Chapel	1st Lt. William Babbitt (623)856-6920

Sept. 11 mirrors Dec. 7

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — In the days immediately after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, Americans groped to find ways to describe the event.

Time and again, commentators, politicians and just plain folks called the attacks “another Pearl Harbor.”

Today marks 60 years since the Japanese attack on American.

Sept. 11 and Dec. 7 are now linked in the public consciousness, though the attacks on those days aren’t that similar, save their furtiveness.

What the events have in common is the response of the American people.

After Pearl Harbor, Americans swamped recruiting stations seeking to enlist. Others calmly waited for draft notices. Still others went back to their jobs and began the work that would make the United States “the Arsenal of Democracy.”

The country was unified. Before Dec. 7, President Roosevelt couldn’t

have gotten a declaration of war. After Dec. 7, only one representative voted against the declaration. When Germany and Italy, Japan’s allies, declared war on the United States days later.

The American generation that struggled through the Depression stepped forward to save the world.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, Americans felt unity. They displayed that solidarity by flying the flag, donating more than a billion dollars to help victims’ survivors and aid groups, and showing support for the nation in many other ways.

Dec. 7 and Sept. 11 may have another thing in common: They are dates when the world changed.

“Dec. 7 was a turning point for the world and Sept. 11 should be no less so,” Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said. “On 9-11, our generation received one of history’s greatest wakeup calls. Like the ‘Greatest Generation,’ we must answer that call. As we do, we have the chance to make sure that the world that emerges will be better for our efforts.”

Family Care Program offers extra hours

By Airman Kara Philp
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Luke's Family Child Care Program is offering extended duty child care to help families with members supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Extended Duty Child Care Program provides child care beyond the typical 50-hour per week limit or when parents have child-care emergencies due to duty requirements.

The program is available to active duty, Reserve, Guard and civilian employees supporting OEF.

"As long as one parent is supporting the military mission and is working more than 50 hours per week, they are qualified for the program," said Lisa Heathers, 56th Services Squadron Family Child Care Program coordinator.

The program started as a retention initiative and expanded after Sept. 11 with 71 bases currently offering the program.

Members may use extended care for mission-related duty, extended work-

days, temporary shift changes, problems with regular child care arrangements, and rapid mobilization or deployment.

"The program is not intended to be a family's regular source of child care," Ms. Heathers said.

It is similar to the Child Development Center as far as schedules, meals and interaction. However, it is designed for smaller groups of children after regular duty hours or on the weekends, but not during the duty day.

Parents needing extended service must be enrolled in the extended care program. Family child care coordinators will then arrange for children to stay in licensed family child care homes on base.

"It's an excellent program," Ms. Heathers said. "What better way for your children to be taken care of? The care is provided right on base and it's free. Parents can support the mission without worrying."

Extended-duty providers are part of the Family Child Care Program. They have been specifically selected by base family child care panels to provide such

services. As licensed providers, they have completed all required screenings, trainings and inspections.

"Finding child care can be time consuming and expensive," said Ta'Nashea McLeod, 56th SVS child care provider. "This way families who live on base just have to go around the corner and people who live off base can drop their children off on their way to work."

Under normal circumstances, parents using this program pay no more than \$2 per hour for additional care. However, Air Force Services, which manages this program Air Force-wide, has waived the parent co-payment until Jan. 5.

Parents will continue to pay for regular child care but will not be required to do so when using extended duty care.

"Free child care is hard to find, weekend and evening care is usually more expensive too," Ms. McLeod said. "This is free, why not use it?"

For more information on the Extended Duty Care Program, call the Family Child Care coordinator at (623) 856-7472.



Staff Sgt. Corey Drury
Darby Butcher, 5, builds a tower with blocks at a family child care home. The Family Child Care Program offers extended hours for those supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Glendale helps fire dept.

By Tech. Sgt. Alan S. Lewis

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Glendale Fire Department engine company recently filled in for a Luke engine company to allow them to get specialized training.

Luke’s fire department has joined several Valley fire departments to help train while still providing fire protection to the base.

Through a mutual aid agreement, one department covers for another when training or other tasks take them away from their area of responsibility.

“This agreement allows us to get a lot of training we would not be able to get otherwise,” said Hoyd Sanders, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight fire chief. “It also allows the departments to help one another with incidents when one department might be over tasked.”

With this agreement, training can be scheduled in advance and fire departments work with each other to provide backfill.

In instances of emergency response, departments help one another when needed.

“We do a lot of mutual aid responses outside of Luke,” Chief Sanders said. “We have helped other departments several times this year alone with things like small ground fires, vehicle accidents and other types of fires. One such response was to a car fire in Avondale.”

The Avondale Fire Department could not respond to the car fire because they were battling a large warehouse fire.

Avondale Fire Department asked Luke to handle the car fire, which was in a carport with the fire threatening the house.

When the warehouse fire was under control, Avondale sent an engine to assist Luke with the car fire.

“One way to look at this agreement is that while we are part of Luke’s community, we are also a part of the larger community located outside of the fence,” Chief Sanders said.

Glendale recently covered the base for fire response so Luke’s fire department could attend a training session off base at a propane processing facility. This training taught them how to deal with fire-type emergencies in a propane tank farm.

“The training at Amerigas familiarized us with the plant and the emergency shut-off system there,” said Brian Schultz, 56th CES fire captain for Station Three. “Another area we were able to cover was how to handle a rail car accident involving compressed flammable gas.”

To make training more realistic, a special train car sent from Texas was used in a scenario that could have caused a boiling liquid expanding vapor explosion, or BLEVE.

“This type of explosion is very violent and the training here will help us to avoid that type of problem,” Mr. Schultz said. “The bottom line here is that this was very good training and without Glendale’s Fire Department covering for us, we might not have been able to get it.”

Safety

State trooper gives briefings Dec. 14

By Airman Susan McQueary

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A retired Mississippi patrolman will speak Dec. 14 at the base theater about driving under the influence prevention and defensive driving.

Pete Collins will give four one-hour briefings at 7:30 and 10:30 a.m., and at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.

Attendance is mandatory for all personnel, however due to limited seating, personnel ages 26 and under will have priority.

Other military and Defense Department civilians are also invited. In addition, the first briefing will be videotaped and aired on the commander’s access channel throughout the rest of the day for those unable to attend.

Mr. Collins spent 25 years as a Mississippi Highway Patrol trooper.

“While he was a patrolman, he saw firsthand the effects of drinking and driving,” said Master Sgt. Lori Ault, 56th Fighter Wing Ground Safety superintendent. “He saw the impact of decisions that people make when they drink and drive. It can destroy a family; killing parents or children.”

Mr. Collins is also a charter member of the Mississippi Safety Patrol Honor Guard, a certified underwater rescue diver and a distinguished marksman.

He was selected as the Statewide

Trooper of the Year in 1998, and he received the Presidential Citation for Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer in the United States in 1994.

He also received the Lifesavers Award for his contributions to traffic safety.

The safety office asked Mr. Collins to share his experiences as a patrolman as part of Operation 40 Proof, a campaign covering the 40 days from Thanksgiving to New Years.

“Historically, we are more vulnerable for accidents during this time,” Sergeant Ault said. “We’re trying to get the word out and prevent DUIs.”

As an award-winning national speaker, Mr. Collins said he didn’t set out to be a speaker, but felt compelled to share his experiences as a highway patrol officer.

“He thought it was his duty to spread the word on safety and the effects of drinking and driving or driving improperly,” Sergeant Ault said.

The safety office chose Mr. Collins to provide safety briefings because of his unique ability to inform as well as entertain the audience.

“His presentation is entertaining and he does a good job getting the point across,” said Staff Sgt. Rodney Winfield, 56th Fighter Wing Command Chief executive NCO. “You look forward to hearing what he’s going to say because it is so entertaining.”

AF secures first shuttle launch since Sept. 11

CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla. — The Air Force has routinely provided security for space shuttle launches for 20 years. But in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, the service is taking unprecedented efforts to protect the Space Shuttle Endeavor and its seven-person crew.

This is the first shuttle launch since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon that killed about 3,900 people.

In what has been described as the highest security to ever accompany a U.S. space launch, the 45th Space Wing at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., and other Defense Department agencies supporting this launch had put a security plan into effect that protected a vital national space asset and a symbol of America’s greatness, said Col. Sameul Dick, 45th

SW vice commander.

During a pre-launch press conference at NASA earlier this week, Colonel Dick could not elaborate on specific security measures, but gave repeated assurances that the wing, Air Force and other DOD agencies are up to any challenge or potential terrorist threat presented.

“The threat is terrorism and the terrorists have already demonstrated a capability and desire to attack national symbols of the United States,” he said. “For those reasons, we must take an active approach to our security and we believe we are ready for any and all scenarios.

“We have taken unprecedented, but critical steps to ensure all reasonable measures are in place to protect the shuttle and its crew from any security threat

whether from land, air or sea,” Colonel Dick said.

Ron Dittamore, shuttle program manager, said NASA is comfortable with the new security.

Endeavor was set to blast off Nov. 29, but was delayed twice by NASA. Endeavor launched at 3:19 p.m. local time over the Floridian coastline.

Endeavor’s current mission will include a tribute to the victims of the attacks.

Launched into space along with the shuttle’s thousands of pounds of provisions and hardware were nearly 6,000 postcard-sized U.S. flags and at least two full-sized flags.

The small flags will be given to the families of victims after the mission ends. The larger flags were the ones recovered from the ruins of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.



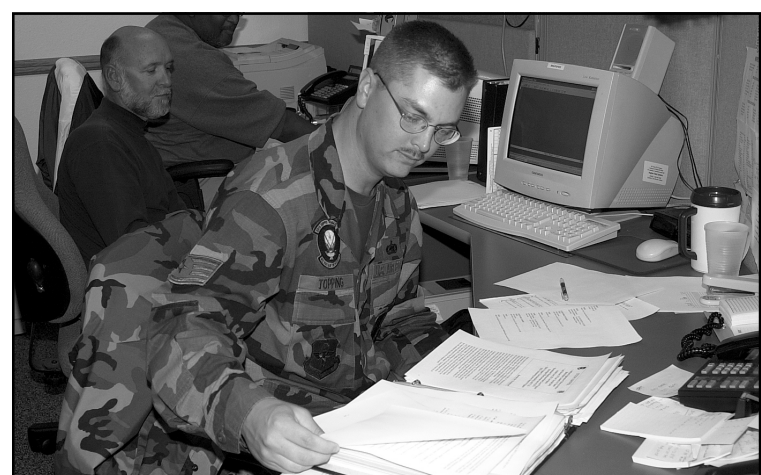
Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Senior Airman Michael Nelson, 56th Supply Squadron Fuels Management Flight, performs a bottle method test to measure time filtration and total solids in fuel. The flight is responsible for testing the quality of all Luke's fuel.



Airman 1st Class Julie Simmons

Senior Airman Andrew Babcock, 56th SUPS Combat Operations Support Flight, inventories a mobility bag before shipping it.



Airman 1st Class Julie Simmons

Staff Sgt. Gary Topping, 56th SUPS Management and Systems Flight, reviews MICAP paperwork.

Supply

Can't fly or fix aircraft without 'em

By Staff Sgt. J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

To get an F-16 in the air takes more than a pilot, a jet and a maintenance person.

Pilots need oxygen to breathe when flying at altitude, the jet needs fuel and the maintenance person needs parts to keep the jet flying. None of that would happen at Luke without the 56th Supply Squadron.

"Luke's Supply Squadron consistently delivers on time and on target," said Brig. Gen. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander. "They are a key contributor."

To support the 56th Fighter Wing's mission to produce combat-ready F-16 pilots and crew chiefs, the supply squadron is composed of three flights: management and systems flight, combat operations support flight and the fuels management flight.

The management and systems flight oversees several supply programs, including funds management, customer service, readiness and training, computer operations, equipment management, stock control and mission capable parts.

This flight is responsible for more than 27,000 line items valued in excess of \$313 million.

The mission capable section is responsible for the mission capable program, or MICAP. The MICAP section obtains aircraft parts, whether it is through depot or from another base.

"The base needs the parts we order through MICAP to be able to fly and complete the mission," said Senior Airman Jeremy Speth, 56th SUPS Management and Systems Flight weapons support control specialist.

On the other end of the spectrum, part of the combat operations support flight's mission is to ensure aircraft parts that are broken get to the depot as quickly as possible for repair so they

can be returned to the fleet. The flight service center processes about 2,100 parts every month.

"It's important we return these parts (to depot)," said Tech. Sgt. Alana Maurial-Tamulones, 56th SUPS Combat Operations Support Flight Service Center NCO in charge. "There are not enough spare parts in the system. Even though Luke may not need it, another base may."

In addition to the flight service center, the combat operations support flight has five other sections: hazardous material, storage and issue, mobility, receiving, war readiness, and inspection and training. Overall, the flight's mission is to receive, stock and issue weapon system items for the wing's eight fighter squadrons, manage Luke's mobility bags program and oversee Luke's hazardous material and waste.

The fuels management flight, on the other hand, receives, stores, issues and accounts for all of Luke's fuels. This includes jet fuel for the aircraft, as well as unleaded and diesel fuel for government vehicles. They process more than 50 million gallons of fuel each year and refuel aircraft more than 500,000 times per year.

Fuels management is also responsible for Luke's cryogenics stores, which include liquid oxygen and nitrogen. Liquid oxygen is stored on board the F-16 for later use by the pilots when flying at high altitude. Liquid nitrogen is used to pressurize aircraft struts and tires.

"Our main mission is to provide a clean, high-quality product to our customers," said Staff Sgt. Ben Contreras, 56th SUPS fuels specialist. "Without our product, the 56th Fighter Wing mission can't go on. Planes can't fly without fuel and pilots can't breathe without oxygen."

Supply's work is felt throughout the wing. "Without the support we receive from supply we could not produce the fighter pilots required to meet the mission of the U.S. Air Force," said Col. Robert Steel, 56th Operations Group commander.

Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cost is \$3 per adult and \$1.50 for children 11 and under. For more information or for a movie schedule, e-mail lukeafbtheater@yahoo.com.



Today

“13 Ghosts” (R)

Stars F. Murray Abraham, Tony Shalhoub, Shannon Elizabeth and J.R. Bourne. This is a state-of-the-art remake of the classic William Castle horror film about a family that inherits a spectacular old house from an eccentric uncle. There’s just one problem: the house seems to have a dangerous agenda all its own. Caught in a frantic race to save themselves before it is too late, the human inhabitants realize the house is a riddle which contains the key to their imminent salvation — or destruction. *(88 minutes)*

Saturday

“The Last Castle” (R)

Stars Robert Redford, James Gandolfini, Mark Ruffalo, Clifton Collins Jr. and Delroy Lindo. The Castle is the unlikely stop in the brilliant career of Lt. General Irwin. Court martialed and stripped of rank, Irwin has been sentenced to the maximum security military prison, which is run



with an iron fist by it’s warden, Colonel Winter. Colonel Winter can’t help but respect the once-legendary general, but it isn’t long before that respect turns to resentment and open hostility as Irwin continually confronts the warden on his methods. Setting out to break Irwin by whatever means necessary, the colonel’s tactics only fuel Irwin’s defiance and cause the other prisoners to rally behind Irwin in his new mission: To seize control of the prison and remove Colonel Winter from his command. The men imprisoned in The Castle have been told that they are no longer soldiers ... but they are about to prove that they can still fight a war. *(120 minutes)*



Sunday at 6 p.m.

“From Hell” (R)

Stars Johnny Depp, Heather Graham, Ian Holm, Robbie Coltrane and Jason Flemyng. Set in 1888 London and based upon the legendary serial killer “Jack the Ripper”, inspector Fredrick Abberline investigates the gruesome and mysterious murders of prostitutes within the Whitechapel district of London. Adapted from the popular novel of the same name by Alan Moore, the movie put an intense psychological spin on the horrific legend and unravels a chilling alleged conspiracy involving the highest powers in England. *(137 minutes)*



Dec. 14

“Domestic Disturbance” (PG-13)

Stars John Travolta, Vince Vaughn, Teri Polo, Steve Buscemi, and Matthew O’Leary. Frank Morrison is a divorced father who only wants the best for his troubled 11-year-old son . When the boy relates a disturbing tale of murder, Morrison soon finds out his son’s new step father is not what he claims to be. Frank realizes his time is running out and embarks on a mission to save his son as his own life may be in danger. *(103 minutes)*

Around Base

Arts and crafts fair

Art League West is hosting an arts and crafts fund-raising fair Dec. 15 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wildlife World Zoo. Proceeds from this event benefit the Luke community.

Fort Tuthill special

Military ID cardholders who stay one night in the Fort Tuthill lodge in Flagstaff will receive a second night free Sunday through Thursday now through Dec. 20. For more information or to make a reservation, call (623) 856-3401 or (800) 552-6268.

Decorating contest

Military family housing residents are invited to decorate their homes and compete for first-, second- and third-place prizes in the annual holiday housing decorating contest. Judging is Dec. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. and is based on theme presentation, creativity, originality, technique and overall design. Rooftop decorations are not permitted. Call (623) 856-7152 for more information.



Electronic books

The Luke library has more than 500 reference and military titles that can be checked out and viewed through any computer with Internet access. Registration is required at the library. For more information, call (623) 856-7191.

Career explorers

Teens 13 to 18 years old learn about potential career opportunities through the career explorers program, which meets Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at the youth center. Participants must register by 8 p.m. Monday. Call (623) 856-6225 or (623) 856-7470 for more information.

Tree lighting

Luke's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony is today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Air Park. The event is free and includes snow, hay rides, train rides, music, hot chocolate and an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Donors needed

United Blood Services is conducting a blood drive Monday to Dec. 15. For an appointment, contact a squadron representative or visit www.bloodhero.com and use sponsor code: LAFB.

Troops to Teachers

Military personnel interested in becoming teachers may contact the Arizona Troops to Teachers office at (800) 830-2134 for certification information.

Gift Wrapping

Gift-givers are invited to wrap their holiday presents at the community center through Dec. 21. Cost is 50 cents per package as large as 24-by-24 inches and includes paper, ribbon, and bow. Call (623)856-7152 for more information.

Santa visits

Santa will deliver presents to children in military family housing Dec. 20 and 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. Parents can make reservations starting Dec. 17 at 7:30 a.m. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the community center at (623) 856-7152 for details.



Frame Shop special

Give your family portraits and holiday gifts that extra special touch with custom matting and framing from the Skills Development Center frame shop. Just in time for the holidays the shop is featuring a buy one mat get the second mat free special.

Free admission

Military ID cardholders receive free admission Tuesday to the West Valley Art Museum in Surprise. For more information, call Arick Conners or Donna Russo at (623) 972-0635.

Holiday concert

The West Valley Fine Arts Council and Phoenix Theater presents "An American Holiday Concert" Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the base theater. The concert features traditional Christmas songs, show tunes and patriotic favorites. Admission is free.



Tours

Thunderbolts can tour the Barry M. Goldwater Range and Gila Bend Auxiliary Field to watch pilots dropping munitions on a manned range and visit an archaeology site with authentic artifacts. Range tours are Dec. 18, Jan. 17, Feb. 19, March 19 and April 18. For more information or to make reservations, call (623) 856-3183.

Holiday Scavenger Hunt

Teens 13 to 18 years old are invited to participate in a Holiday Scavenger Hunt Dec. 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the youth center. For more information, call the youth center at (623) 856-6225.

Hunting

Officials at Fort Huachuca are allowing hunting on the post to resume. Hunters must be military-affiliated with a valid ID. Weapons must be declared, not concealed, and ammunition must be separated from weapons. Guests must be escorted when accompanied by military members. For more information, call the Sportman's Center at (520) 533-7085.

FCC Office Closed

The FCC Office will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday.

Outdoor Recreation

The 56th Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on trips or rental equipment, call (623) 856-6267 or go to www.luke.af.mil/56services. Click on the community support link and then outdoor recreation.

Rentals

Outdoor recreation offers equipment rentals, including camping, fishing, lawn and garden equipment and boats. Rentals are available to anyone with a valid military ID card. Santa suits are available for reservation now.

Christmas tree cutting

A Christmas tree-cutting trip to Tonto National Forest is Sunday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The \$60 cost for a family of four includes transportation, tree-cutting equipment, drinks, lunch and permits.

Kitt Peak Observatory

A Kitt Peak Observatory trip is Saturday. The cost is \$75, which includes transportation, guides, dinner and about four hours of gazing at the night sky.

Festival of Lights

A Red Rock Fantasy Festival of Lights tour at Los Abrigados Resort in Sedona is Sunday and Dec. 19. The cost is \$25 per person and includes transportation and entry fee.

Mexico shopping

A shopping trip to Algodones, Mexico, is Dec. 15. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes transportation.

Laughlin

A Laughlin, Nev., gaming tour is Dec. 16. The cost of \$5 per person includes transportation, buffet and coupon book.

Ice fishing

An ice fishing trip in the White Mountains is Dec. 29. The cost is \$50 per person and includes transportation, guides and a small lunch.

Chapel News

Worship schedule

The following services and classes are at the Luke Community Chapel unless stated otherwise:

Protestant

- ♦ Sunday traditional service is at 8 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday school program is at 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday gospel service is at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall
- ♦ Sunday contemporary service is at 11 a.m.; children’s church is also available
- ♦ “Singles at the Way” is Saturdays at 6 p.m.
- ♦ “Youth at the Way” is Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Catholic

- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
- ♦ Weekday Mass is at noon



Jewish

- ♦ Shabbat service is at 6 p.m. every fourth Friday

Muslim

- ♦ Muslim worship is today at 1 p.m.

Religious education

- ♦ Confirmation classes are Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ CCD classes are at 11 a.m. in Bldg. 1150 in the third floor atrium
- ♦ Baptism seminars for parents of children under 7 years old are at 7 p.m. every first and second Monday of every month at “The Way.”

Youth

- ♦ The junior Catholic youth group meets Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ The Catholic youth group meets Wednesdays from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information on these programs, call (623) 856-6211.

Around Base

Free park admission

Knott's Berry Farm in Anaheim, Calif., and Sea World in San Diego are offering free admission to active-duty military and their immediate families. Sea World, along with nearly all of Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks, is offering free admission through Dec. 31. For detailed information, go to each company's Web site at www.knotts.com or www.seaworld.com.

Free child care

Active-duty military of all ranks who have permanent change-of-station orders to or out of Luke can receive up to 20 hours of free child care with Family Child-Care providers. Registration forms are available at the Family Support Center, Bldg. 1113. A copy of PCS orders is required at registration. For more information call (623)856-6841.

Torch Club

Torch Club and Teen Supreme Keystone Club members will join Santa during his annual visit to base lodging from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20. Santa will be bearing gifts to welcome all youths who have recently arrived at Luke and wish them a happy holiday season.

Swapping stuff ...



Staff Sgt. Aaron C. Marcus

Staff Sgt. Flint Whitesell (right), 62nd Fighter Squadron, looks at craft items for sale Saturday at the Community Swap Meet at the Defense Logistics Agency facility located north of the El Mirage Road and Glendale Avenue intersection. The services squadron is planning another for next month.





Staff Sgt. Christopher Matthews
Kara Philp (left), 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, prepares to catch the ball thrown by Julie Briggs (right), 56th FW Public Affairs, at the Mush Ball Tournament Nov. 30 during the 56th FW Picnic. The 56th Civil Engineer Squadron won the tournament.

56th CES takes Mush Ball tourney

By Staff Sgt. J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 56th Civil Engineer Squadron Dragonslayers torched the competition Nov. 30 at the wing picnic one-pitch Mush Ball Tournament.

The Dragonslayers took the single-elimination in five games, finally beating the 56th Component Repair Squadron in the championship to bring home the gold.

The tournament started off lighthearted with many teams thrown together at the last minute, including 56th Communications Squadron and 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs. But these teams were soon shut out by teams with a larger talent pool.

One hodgepodge team surprised everyone by beating both 56th CS and the 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron to make it to the semi-finals. The 56th Fighter Wing Airman Leadership School, put together to replace the 56th Supply Squadron, took down 56th CS 1, 2, 3 allowing only one player to reach first base the entire game, while scoring three runs in the third and final inning. In their second game, 56th EMS Team 2 forfeited, bringing ALS up against the tournament champs 56th CES.

The Dragonslayers had a smooth road to the

winner's circle when the 309th Fighter Squadron forfeited. They then toppled the 56th Transportation Squadron, 13-0, all before beating ALS, 0-1.

56th CRS didn't have the luxury of missing a game to forfeit, but their road to the finals wasn't much tougher. They began the tournament by defeating the 310th Fighter Squadron, 8-1. Then they took on the public affairs team, who only managed two people on base vs. 56th CRS's 10 runs. 56th CRS's third game was against the 56th Operation Support Squadron, who fought hard and kept 56th CRS to two runs. However they couldn't put any runs of their own over the plate, putting 56th CRS against 56th CES in the final game.

"They were good, fun, clean games," said Dan Yeck, 56th CRS. "We decided to get out and play since we hadn't in a while. We had fun."

The last game was hard fought by both teams. The first inning in the one-hour game went three up, three down for 56th CRS and 56th CES. In the second inning, 56th CRS put Yeck on base, with two outs, but couldn't drive him home.

56th CES had the only score of the inning during this game, driving their first batter James Hall home. The rest of the game went without a runner making it past first, giving 56th CES the game and the trophy.

Blue 42 ...



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Michael Priero, 56th Medical Group, races toward the end zone Nov. 29 at a flag football game against the 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron. EMS defeated 56th MDOS 20-7. The flag football season is in full swing with two separate leagues. For more information on game times, see the schedule on the bulletin board at the fitness center or call (623) 856-6241.

Sports Shorts

Youth basketball

Parents can register their children ages 6 to 12 now through Dec. 15 to play in a winter basketball league. The season begins Jan. 19 and the cost is \$25 per person. For more information, call (623) 856-7470.

Volunteers needed

The youth center needs adult volunteers for basketball coaching positions for the youth winter basketball league. Call Amy Heil at (623) 856-7470 for more information.

Youth bowling

Parents can register youth ages 5 to 18 from Jan. 2 to 24 at the youth center for a youth bowling tournament. The tournament is Jan. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Luke Lanes and the cost is \$6 per person. Parents must accompany children ages 12 and younger. A copy of birth certificate or military ID is needed at time of registration to verify the child's age. For more information, call (623) 856-7470.

Varsity soccer

Luke's varsity soccer team has started training for the upcoming season. Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at softball field three. Tryouts are held Jan. 8. Call Capt. Guy Majkowski at (623) 856-4047 for more information.

Golf tournament

The Falcon Dunes Golf Course is sponsoring a Holiday Jangler Golf Tournament at 8 a.m. Dec. 16. Players may sign up as a team or individually. The cost is \$40 for active-duty military and \$45 for all others. The fee includes greens fees, range balls, a holiday lunch, tee-prizes and awards. Register at the golf shop or call (623) 535-8355 for more information.

Bowling roll-off

Roll-offs for the Luke bowling team are during intramural bowling Dec. 10 and 17. The team will consist of four men and two women. For more information, call Ron Engue at (623) 856-6529.

Swim lessons

The aquatic program offers private swimming lessons for adults at \$10 per 30-minute session. Call (623) 856-9334 to schedule lessons or more information.

Aerobic center

The aerobic center's hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. Aerobic classes are \$2 per class or \$20 per month for unlimited participation for dependents and civilian employees. Classes are free for active-duty military members. Call (623) 856-7152 for aerobic class times and for more information.

T-ball registration

Parents can register their children ages 5 to 14 at the youth center Jan. 7 to play spring T-ball. The cost is \$30 per player and the season begins in March. In addition, adult volunteers are needed for coaching positions. Call Amy Heil at (623) 856-7471.

Tee times

Active-duty military members may make tee-time reservations seven days in advance. Retirees and Defense Department civilians may make tee-time reservations five days in advance.

Teen tournaments

Teens, 13 to 18 years old, can show off their fine-tuned skills by participating in a variety of tournaments from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 27 at the youth center. Games include pool, foosball and air hockey. The tournaments are free and prizes will be awarded. For more information, call the youth center at (623) 856-6225.







